

WEB Survey reveals black views on recent issues

LONG BEACH, CA - Recent online polls at BlackNews.com, the premier online destination for African-American news, revealed that African-Americans are well-divided on some recent controversial issues.

Barbershop Movie

The first poll on BlackNews.com asked whether or not the comments made by Cedric the Entertainer in the Barbershop movie were appropriate. Of the 1,500 Black participants, approximately 48% said that the comments were inappropriate, and should have been eliminated. However, the other 52% said that the whole issue was overblown, and that the film does not endorse the negative comments made about civil rights leaders.

Ebay

The second poll on BlackNews.com asked whether or not it was okay for Ebay to allow users to sell racially-offensive products, such as Nigger baby dolls, SkinHead CDs, or "How To Hold a KKK Rally" books. Of the 1,500 Black participants, approximately 55% said that this is not okay, and that they plan to boycott Ebay. However, the other 45% said that the products are a part of Black history, and its okay to buy and sell these items because some people collect them as memorabilia.

America-Iraq War

The last poll on BlackNews.com questioned whether or not the United States should go to war. Of the 1,500 Black participants, an even 50% said we should not go to war, and that we should hold out for peace. The other 50% said that we should go to war, if Saddam Hussein continues to refuse to fully disarm.

The online poll participants were African-American adults, age 21-60. 46% of them were men, and 54% of them were women. Nearly 75% of the participants have college degrees or are in college. However, the web site is also used for ethnic marketing research purposes.

Law Enforcement officials convene in Irvington to form anti gang taskforce

Irvington, NJ — Law enforcement officials from almost every federal, state, county and local agencies gathered in Irvington at The Servicemen's Club on Springfield Avenue to discuss solutions to the increasing gang problems in New Jersey. The event was hosted by Mayor Wayne Smith and sponsored by The Bruno Group. This is the first time a meeting of this magnitude was held in Essex County to form a regional task force for law enforcement officials to work together and share information to combat gang violence. "It is my goal to one day say that all crime has been alleviated from our communities," said Mayor Smith in his opening statements at the summit. "Since taking office, my administration has diligently sought to find solutions to the criminal activities that prevail in Irvington. This is another initiative in that strategy."

With a population of 70,000 crammed into 2.8 square miles, Smith added, "I can't have street level crime," blaming local drug dealers for spawning other criminals, such as car thieves and robbers. "We have got to set some (offenders) as examples and hold them accountable for their actions."

Mayor Smith was joined by his colleagues, Mayor Robert Bowser, East Orange and Mayor Victor DeLuca, Maplewood in addressing the



L. to r. (Back Row) Terry Merced, Chief, Major Narcotics Bureau, NJ Attorney General's Office; Robert Bowser, Mayor, East Orange; Eugene Hoyt, Assistant Prosecutor, Essex County Prosecutor's Office; John R. Bruno, Sr., The Bruno Group, CEO; Victor DeLuca, Mayor, Maplewood; Marc Agnifilo, Chief, Violent Criminal Unit, US Attorney's Office; Shawn A. Mason, FBI; Wayne Smith, Mayor, Irvington; Raul Vicente, Jr., VP, The Bruno Group.

law enforcement agencies convened to form a regional task force that will allow all the law enforcement agencies to share information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of known criminals. Mayor Sharpe James, Newark and Mayor Mims Hackett, Orange, who were not present, sent law enforcement representatives to the meeting.

The summit began with a presentation by Detectives Stephanie Treadwell and Sonji Powell of the Newark Anti-Gang Unit. Their presentation included information on all

known gangs in Essex County, how to identify them, their colors, symbols and their creed. These two women are experts in their field and work closely with Keshia Trotman, Community Justice Coordinator, of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office on gang related issues. They presented a very intense and graphic slide presentation that depicted each gang's lifestyle and how they use the system to their advantage.

Marc Agnifilo, Chief, Violent Criminal Unit for the U.

S. Attorney's Office was the guest speaker. Mr. Agnifilo supervises this unit of prosecuting federal violent crimes, focusing on national gangs, violent criminal enterprises and firearms trafficking. He is responsible for coordinating significant longterm investigations between federal, state and local agencies. In his remarks, Mr. Agnifilo shared with the group how to prosecute these individuals and make their case adhere. "There are numerous tactics that we can use to make

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Mayor James welcomes El Taller Colaborativo, PC to Newark

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James recently performed a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Corporate Headquarters of El Taller Colaborativo, PC (ETC) at 550 Broad Street. ETC moved its headquarters to Newark as of September 1, 2002.

"We are really excited about being in Newark. Our relocation to Newark has provided us a more central location to better serve our existing client base, which include the Newark Public Schools, NJ Transit, and the Newark Department of Engineering," states Alex Garcia, RA, Principal and Co-Founder of ETC.

As a minority-owned busi-

ness, ETC's multi-cultural environment truly represents the ethnic diversity of Newark and of Essex County. ETC has been a leader in the hire of minorities and women.

ETC is committed to the professional development of minorities. "We actively participate in many civic associations such as the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce (both statewide and for Essex County), the Minority Purchasing Council of New York & New Jersey, Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce, Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce, and the Regional Business Partnership.

to name a few," adds Milan Patel, PE, Principal of ETC.

"We are very happy to be part of the Newark Community."



Pictured from left to right: ETC Principals: James Welsh, Francisco Ruela, Milan Patel; Mayor Sharpe James; Alex Garcia, ETC Principal; Dr. Niathan Allen, City of Newark Department of Economic and Housing Development Director and James Adams, City of Newark Department of Engineering Director.

William M Freeman, president of Verizon Public Communications Group and Chairman of the National Board of Directors of Junior Achievement, was honored at the Junior Achievement 2003 Hall of Fame Gala recently. Other distinguished honorees include: Charles Bacon, CEO of Bovis Lend Lease, Paris Couturios, senior vice president of Administration and Marketing of Centend Mortgage Company, Richard Crist, president of Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company, Michael B. Polk, group vice president of Kraft Foods North America and resident of the Biscuit, Snacks and Confections, Arthur R. Stern, CEO of Cogwell Realty Group, LLC and William M. Roesch, principal of Hightstown High School.



Ethel Washington displayed her vast collection of dolls, as part of the Raritan Valley Chapter to The Links, Inc. The Melange: a celebration of the arts in Plainfield. With a collection of over 4000 items Ms. Wahington has collected Black dolls art and artifacts since 1975.

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Youth Symposium and talent show

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., a leading national service organization, committed to their slogan of "Greater Service, Greater Progress," invite the community to a Youth Symposium/Talent Show on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at the University Middle School auditorium, 255 Myrtle Ave, Irvington, from 2 - 6 pm.

Individual or group acts from Essex, Hudson and Union counties are invited to present their talent in dance, instrumental and vocal music, theater, comedy, or stepping and drilling to the community. An audition will be held at the University Middle School on Saturday, March 22nd from 12 - 3pm, one week prior to the event.

The Youth Symposium is a new development in one of Sigma Gamma Rho's national projects, Operation Book Bag, where Sigma chapters provide youngsters at local agencies school bags filled with school supplies.

This project is promoted within the local high school by the Sigma Gamma Rho high school group called Rhoers, whose focus is to conduct community service and learn about their heritage and develop leadership skills through mentorship from graduate and undergraduate sorority members.

For more information on the Symposium, please contact Donna Bost White at 973-297-5812.



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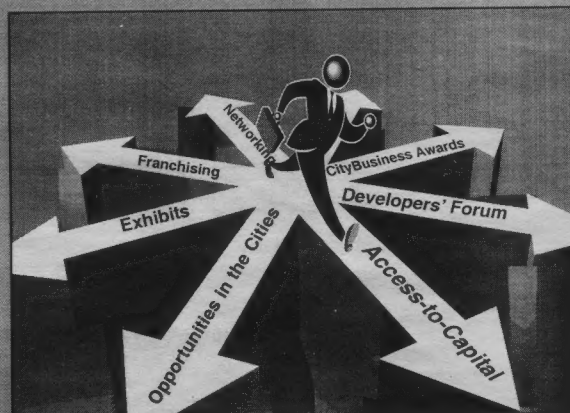
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National Briefs

STUDY FINDS POOR CHILDREN HAVE MORE DISABILITIES

(Special to the NNPA)- Poverty has been linked to disabilities among African-American children, a new study finds.

The study analyzed data on 400,000 children and adolescents, including nearly 23,000 disabled children, who were involved in 14 annual editions of the ongoing National Health Interview Survey between 1979 and 2000.

"If we as a nation want to reduce health disparities between Black and White children, we need to address the underlying inequities in family income," lead author Dr. Paul Newacheck, a professor of health policy at the University of California, told reporters.

Disability rates increased among both Blacks and Whites during the time period. The increase was 77 percent among Black children, however, in comparison to 47 percent among White children.

FBI TIES GA. LAW OFFICERS TO WHITE SUPREMACIST

(Special to the NNPA)- Georgia law enforcement officers have ties to the National Alliance, the largest White supremacist organization in the nation, according to an FBI agent's testimony.

FBI Special Agent Joseph Thompson spoke during a bond hearing for Chester James Doles, 42, who authorities say was the Georgia organizer of the National Alliance and a former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon.

Thompson said an informant met with Doles since and told police about law enforcement ties to the group.

"That shows that Mr. Doles has a support network including law enforcement," said Thompson. "You vastly increase the capacity of the network" by having authorities as members.

Doles, who was arrested on charges he was a felon in possession of firearms, was denied bond by U.S. Magistrate Linda Walker. She mentioned the law enforcement connection when refusing bond.

"Who better to help you flee or get around law enforcement than law enforcement," Walker said.

Defense attorneys argued that Doles was being prosecuted based on his involvement with the White supremacist group.

In 1993, Doles was convicted of an attack on an interracial couple in Maryland and he has a 1997 burglary conviction in which he beat a homeowner.

Black Women form PAC to advance their own political futures

Some of the most distinguished and politically motivated Black female activists in the United States have united to establish the nation's first political action committee dedicated to supporting Black female candidates who champion issues that impact the Black community. The group Women Building for the Future Political Action Committee, known as The Future PAC, met in Atlanta, March 14-15. The Future PAC held its first national board meeting in December in New Orleans, where its officers and board members were

installed. National board member Senator Diana Bajejoie (D-LA) served as host.

The Honorable Gwen Moore, former California assemblywoman, has been elected to chair this historic venture. "The organization is dedicated to building a national network of support and funding that progressive Black women candidates need to run effective campaigns and win elections," Moore says.

The organization will rely on the political savvy of such members as Minyon Moore, former chief operating officer

of the Democratic National Committee; Donna Brazile, veteran campaign manager of the Gore for President campaign of 2000; and women political activists from around the country to identify viable Black-female candidates to support for public office. The group plans to raise \$1 million, in part, through a national membership drive, launched in 2002 to support political contenders selected for the 2004 election year.

"This is an opportunity to flex our political muscle," says Future PAC treasurer Alice

Huffman. "Women Building for the Future Political Action Committee has struck a chord with women across the country, and membership has skyrocketed among those who have heard the call and are inspired by the mission."

The women of The Future PAC come from the fields of business, government, media, law, entertainment, and politics. They plan to leverage Black women's voting power, provide financial and moral support to

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Editorial

War on Terrorist, Saddam, Iraq may lead to better America

The President's decision to launch a war against Saddam Hussein and Iraq leaves many Americans puzzled. While not wanting to be engaged in a war, the concern about weapons of mass destruction is real. Clearly, there is concern about the threat from terrorists. As demonstrated by the attack on America, their cold-blooded bold action made it clear, that if continued unchecked they would find a way to terrorize America and any part of the world.

Saddam's reported control and acts against his own people, as well as his support for terrorists made his threat clear. Whether you agree with the President's actions or not, the will to remove Saddam and eliminate Iraq as a obvious threat, puts more pressure on other countries that may be supporting or harboring terrorists. Soon those countries will lose their cover. Many have ruthless dictators who themselves will fall victim to the war on terrorism. These despots are well aware of what is next.

So now that we are in Iraq, we must search out any trace of the terrorists and weapons of mass destruction.

But how do we Americans, who reject the War on Iraq, justify our support for the President and men and women in uniform who have taken on this mission. We stand up for them and let them know that we appreciate their sacrifice for all of us. Americans have forgotten about the cost and sacrifice necessary for living in a free and democratic country.

The price for the privilege of democracy is high. The politics of the country — Republican blaming Democrats, Democrats blaming Republicans, right vs left, white vs black, rich vs poor, suburbs vs cities — has blinded most of us. We have forgotten about how to build a better America.

Maybe this war will cause us to stop, pause, and reflect on what we have been doing in America to terrorize ourselves.

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Racial profiling will never make America safer

On Friday, March 21, men and boys from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia who are here on student, guest worker, and other sorts of visitor visas must voluntarily register for the Immigration and Naturalization Service's (INS) controversial National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS) or face deportation.

Although the INS has the right to register foreign visitors, its NSEERS program is a form of profiling that appears to constitute racial discrimination under international law because it targets individuals based on their country of origin rather than evidence of criminal acts. Furthermore, it incorporates "interrogation of a law enforcement or national security nature" and in so doing transforms a simple-if apparently racist-registration process into a police investigation system.

On its website, the INS explicitly denies it is discriminating on the basis of ethnicity or religion. Rather, the policy states the INS is selecting individuals "solely on [the basis of] nationality and citizenship."

Never mind that 24 of the 25 countries whose citizens must register are Middle Eastern nations whose populations are overwhelmingly Arab and/or Muslim. Never mind that less than two years ago both Attorney General Ashcroft and President Bush said that there was no place for racial profiling in America. By apparently using national origin as a proxy for race and religion, and race and religion as a proxy for suspicion, they would have you think they are making America safer without violating our national values of equal treatment and fair play. In truth they are doing neither.

Under international law this policy appears to be a clear case of racial discrimination.

As the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which the US has signed and ratified, clearly states "racial discrimination" includes mistreatment "based on race, color, descent, or national or ethnic origin."

African American leaders from WEB DuBois to Adam Clayton Powell have taught us that when the US will not uphold the universal right to nondiscrimination, it is important to move the debate to the international arena for it is there that truth crushed to earth often has its first chance to rise again.

But we should not even have to go there on this issue. There is simply no reason for leaders on both sides of the aisle to remain blind to the fact that this war-on-terrorism program suffers from the same tragic flaws as the war on drugs' rightfully maligned practice of profiling African American motorists.

Of the thousands who voluntarily registered with the INS on two previous deadlines, hundreds were detained on minor immigration charges without access to an attorney or family members. Many—not a few of whom have been in this country working hard and paying taxes for decades—now face deportation because of the INS' backlog on visa applications.

Some who voluntarily registered and were detained have reportedly been denied food, necessary medicines, and access to lawyers. They've been forced to sleep standing up on concrete floors, subject to strip searches, hosed down with cold water, and shuffled between states in prison buses looking for available cells while shackled and handcuffed.

While the INS has bolstered staff and equipment to improve this procedure, devoting more resources cannot eliminate the underlying issue of racial discrimination.

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For example, 16-year-old Hossein Ahmadi is an Iranian-born British citizen who lives with his mother in Encino, California. Ahmadi was working on his literature homework while waiting to speak with an immigration official but 30 minutes later was led away in handcuffs as his seven-month pregnant mother watched. "They sat me in a tank with three other boys and I was the only INS case...I asked them what they were doing in there. One of them had done a burglary and one of them had stabbed someone. Just being among them, I felt like a criminal." [source: ABC News]

The fact that Ashcroft continues to defend this de jure form of profiling has caused many to question if he ever actually intended to stop its de facto counterparts—such as some police departments' continuing misuse of traffic stops to harass innocent Americans whose color riled the cops' suspicion or US Customs reportedly similar mistreatment of black and brown travelers.

Mistreating teenage boys and their fathers for no other reason than the people to which they belong—be they black citizens or brown visitors—creates deep wounds that even time may have a hard time healing. The INS must apply immigration laws fairly and in accordance with international standards against discrimination. The administration must recommit itself to ending racial profiling and Congress must ensure Representative Conyers' End Racial Profiling Act is reintroduced and passed. Moving beyond racial discrimination is one of the surest ways to make our country safer.

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Terrorism as the New Communism

by Lloyd Williams

The Bush Rationale to Invade Anywhere, Anytime

"Iraq has a deep hatred of America and our friends and it has aided, trained and harbored terrorists, including operatives of al Qaeda. The danger is clear: Using chemical, biological or, one day, nuclear weapons obtained with the help of Iraq, the terrorists could fulfill their stated ambitions and kill thousands or hundreds of thousands of innocent people in our country or any other. The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat, but we will do everything to defeat it. Instead of drifting along toward tragedy, we will set a course toward safety."

—President Bush in address to the Nation, 3-17-03—

Once upon a time, all an American president had to do was label a foreign nation as Communist in order to galvanize an uncritical show of support for any war, coup d'etat or clandestine operation. Hidden behind the simplistic "Better dead than Red" type of sloganeering was a money motivated intent to replace each regime with one more in line with America's financial interests.

This foreign policy was first implemented as the dust settled after World War

II, with the U.S. and the Soviet Union emerging as the only remaining superpowers. Though technically peace-time, detente led to the establishment of the ever-escalating, modern-day, military-industrial complex.

By the 1950s' McCarthy Era, a palpable paranoia had infected the West, evidenced by the Cold War abroad, and a panic at home reflected in the rounding-up of Communist sympathizers and in the indiscriminate blacklisting of supposed subversives. This burgeoning "Red Scare" also enabled administration after administration to rationalize pre-emptive American aggression against Asian, African and South American nations, always in the name of freedom and democracy, as if that were our only export.

Insatiably avaricious, multi-national corporations crave natural resources and cheap labor as fuel for the global pyramid scheme they call capitalism. The rich can only get richer so long as they can acquire virgin land to rape and exploit indigenous peoples in pre-modern conditions. And woe to anyone who might dare expose their real motives, such as boxing champion Muhammad Ali who was stripped of his World Heavyweight title and arrested after announcing, "I ain't got no quarrel with the Viet Cong. Ain't no Vietnamese

ever called me nigger."

Whether it was America's invasion of Korea and Vietnam, or the CIA's engineering the overthrow of the governments in the Congo and Chile, the boogeyman was always the Communists, the code word for an unspeakably evil enemy. But in reality, the peasants of the Third World never posed a threat to us. Truth be told, they just happened to be standing in the way of progress, like the nearly extinct Indian had before the West was won.

The new Millenium's "Terrorist" has become the functional equivalent of the old Cold War Communist, a term which reduces world politics to good guys in white cowboy hats and bad guys with black oil. Further, it enables George Bush to wage war first with the Afghans, and now with the Iraqis, despite the outrage of the world community at large.

Yet, most of us are naive enough to let a deceptively manipulative President mask his plans for murder with a flag-waving appeal to God, Mom and apple pie, when all he's after is the oil. And our only hope is in those not irreversibly blinded by that sick form of self-worship called patriotism.

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Don't hate the player— Hate the game!

By William Reed

The King James Version Of Being Played

Have you heard the one about the 18-year-old high school basketball player who drives Akron, Ohio streets in a 2003 Hummer H2 outfitted with three TVs, embroidered seats and computer hookups? Referred to as "King James" by locals, LaBron James received the Hummer as a birthday present from his unemployed mother, Gloria James, who bought the \$75,000 vehicle with a loan from Bank One. The gift of the Hummer and two jerseys (valued at \$800) provoked investigations by the Ohio High School Athletic Association to determine if Ohio high schools' Athlete of the Year "risked his amateur status by accepting these gifts".

Amateur status" is not a label LaBron James will wear for long. James is on the fast track to just being called "rich". Only three out of 10,000 high school basketball players make it directly to the NBA, but with teams like Cleveland, Golden State, Chicago and Denver all figuring to have a shot at getting the high school All-American, Bank One's bank loan to Gloria James stands on some pretty sturdy legs. If he tells the NBA that he's turning pro 45 days before the draft, James has a virtual lock on being the first pick in the June 26th NBA draft. Because rookie salaries are set by a collective bargaining agreement, a three-year contract worth about \$11 million awaits James and his single-mom.

That James' final season could end with state authorities questioning his eligibility is fitting because over the past three seasons his school has profited handsomely from his prodigious basketball talents while he was not allowed to receive a cent. To his school - St. Vincent-St. Mary - King James isn't a high school athlete as much as he is an entertainment spectacle. Since James has been in St. Vincent-St. Mary Irish uniform, school authorities have arranged coast-to-coast national tours that included big-arena games against top teams with coverage by regional pay-per-view TV channels. The school gets \$10,000 - \$15,000 a game plus travel expenses. James' high school administrators turned him into a traveling boy band of one, star who commands appearance fees and puts hundreds of thousands of butts into seats. Due to James, the nation's top-ranked high school team has won the past two Division III state championships and garnered more money than

many college programs. The Irish make big money playing in college arenas, on ESPN and via pay-per-view cable. If James broke amateur rules by "capitalizing on his athletic fame to receive gifts of monetary value," the school did so a thou-

sand times before James did.

The public shouldn't hate James as much as they should the game that's played on him and thousands of other Black youngsters. Black hoop stars make billions for collage athletic programs every year. Isn't

accepting a four-year college athletic scholarship - which is a gift that can have a monetary value of more than \$100,000 - capitalizing on athletic fame?

In a matter of months, LaBron James will be able to park additional vehicles at his

soon-to-be multi-million dollar residence. In addition to his NBA salary, James is expected to sign a \$25 million sneaker contract. For the past year, he's been romanced by Michael Jordan, lord of sneaker giant -

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Heart Disease, Stroke a major threat to black women

By Dorothy Gentry Bodwin
Special to the NNPA from the
Dallas Weekly

DALLAS (NNPA) — Thirty-nine year old Donna Bowen believes cancer is the No. 1 killer of Black women.

"I believe cancer (breast and ovarian) is the leading cause of death because I know a lot of (Black) women who have it or had it and died," she said.

Bowen and thousands of other African-American women like her mistakenly believe that their greatest health threat is cancer, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). In reality, it is heart disease and stroke.

A recent survey conducted by the AHA reveals a major gap in perception versus reality among Black women about heart disease. In that survey, more than 70 percent of African-American women identified cancer as their greatest health threat, while only 3 percent cited heart disease and heart attack.

Cancer is a serious health condition, but heart disease claims more lives each year than cancer and the next six leading causes of death combined.

The survey also revealed that only 55 percent of African-American women associate chest pain with a heart attack,

compared with 68 percent of White women and 62 percent of Hispanic women. In addition, African-American women are less likely to get information about heart disease. In the survey, 78 percent of White women reported having seen, heard or read information about heart disease in the past 12 months, versus 64 percent of Black women.

The AHA is urging all African-Americans to get the facts through its ongoing awareness campaign, "Take Your Heart and Health into Your Own Hands." The campaign includes posters, radio public service announcements and more. The association is

encouraging Blacks to join its free risk-reduction programs and participate in heart-health activities throughout the year.

According to the association, genes are one major reason why Blacks are seemingly plagued with more health issues than other races. Certain heart disease risk factors are more prevalent in African-Americans, but many of these risk factors can be controlled through lifestyle changes.

Risk factors that a person can change include smoking, high blood pressure, physical inactivity, obesity and overweight and high cholesterol levels.

Health Briefs

STUDY PROVES THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA EXISTS

Asthmatics who believe that their symptoms get worse during thunderstorms may be right, according to the results of a six-year study.

It also suggests that the reason for so-called thunderstorm asthma may have something to do with the increased concentration of airborne fungal spores during thunderstorms, rather than the high grass pollen counts, as has been suggested previously.

Over the past 20 years, there have been sporadic reports linking worsened asthma with thunderstorms. The phenomenon has been observed in Australia, London and the United States, but it has not previously been studied in depth.

F.D.A. CALL FOR BAR CODES ON DRUGS

Looking to cut the high rate of medical errors, the Food and Drug Administration recently announced that it would require bar codes on all medications so that hospitals could use scanners to make sure patients get the correct dose of the right drug. The new requirement is one of several steps the agency said it was taking to fight medical errors, which claim tens of thousands of lives a year in the United States.

BLOOD TEST MAY PREDICT COLON CANCER RISK

A simple blood test that looks for a certain genetic alteration may identify people at risk of colorectal cancer, preliminary research released Thursday suggests.

The blood test, still in the experimental stages, does not detect colorectal cancer, but it may identify people who are likely to develop the disease and who would benefit from additional screening. Dr. Andrew P. Feinberg told Reuters Health.

"This is preliminary and needs to be confirmed by more research," said Feinberg. "But we hope that it will be possible to identify patients in the general population at risk of cancer before they develop cancer."

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Black Women form PAC to advance their own political futures

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candidates, and encourage Black women to get involved in the political process. The first step: increasing their presence in such arenas as the U. S. Congress, where Black women hold only 15 of 435 available seats. "The Future PAC plans to change these numbers as we aggressively mobilize the young Black woman's vote," Moore says.

Donna Brazile—the country's foremost African-American campaign manager—the Gore presidential campaign, worked on the 1992 and 1996 Clinton-Gore presidential runs and worked on Jesse Jackson's historic bid for the presidency in 1984. "Black women are the most loyal and consistent voters in American politics," Brazile says. "The Black woman's vote can often determine the outcome of an election. Yet when it comes to political power, Black women aren't getting elected in numbers representative of their voting strength."

A grassroots political network, The Future PAC will focus primarily on Black women running for office. However, other women and men who meet the PAC's criteria will be considered.

Along with Gwen Moore as chair, the other eight inaugural officers are: First Vice-President Lois DeBerry, president pro tem, Tennessee Legislature; Second Vice-President Susan L. Taylor, editorial director, Essence magazine; Third Vice-President Zina Pierre, president, Washington Linkage Group; Fourth Vice-President Donna Brazile; President of Allocations Minyon Moore; President of Candidate Development Celestine Palmer; Treasurer Alice Huffman, president, California NAACP State Conference; Secretary Cecelia Huffman, director, public policy and communications, MetroHealth System.

Celestine Palmer, a founder and the president of the Los Angeles African-American Women's Political Action Committee (LAAAWPAC) was among the first to plant the seed for The Future PAC.

To learn more about The Future PAC, contact: Women Building for the Future 4201 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 615 Los Angeles, CA 90010 or 1611 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20001 (323) 954-3777 or (202) 383-9103.

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Children's fears about war: 10 tips for parents

These are uncertain, turbulent times, colored as they are by fears about war and terrorism. As a result, children and adults are experiencing higher levels of stress. When a flu bug is going around, conscientious parents make sure their child is getting plenty of sleep, vitamins, and a healthy diet to build their immune system. How can we, in a similar fashion, build up our children's capacity to deal with current stresses?

Although there is no magic pill, there is a healthy diet of social and emotional skills that you can provide children. Increasing these skills is the most effective way to help them deal with the current threat, as well as learn valuable lessons to last a lifetime. It is normal to feel afraid, yet there are things we can do to help our children do their best in these trying times. Here are some suggestions:

1. Discuss your children's concerns by first asking what

they are hearing from peers, school and the news. It's best not to fill them with fears they don't have, but also realize that concerns don't go away if we try to ignore them. If they are worried, say "I can see you are feeling really scared. This is a hard time. I know we'll feel better when it's over." Avoid telling them "Everything will be okay." If something does happen, you'll lose their trust.

2. Help them separate imagined from realistic fears. Entertainment and real events can blend together and their imaginations can run wild. When some kids saw the twin towers falling they insisted it was a movie. Others seeing the image repeated on the news thought the event was happening over and over again. Exposure to violent video games and movies makes it more difficult to understand the realities of war and destruction.

3. Don't hesitate to limit young children's exposure to

the news. If they insist on watching, watch with them so that you can gauge their reactions and talk about it.

4. Some kids under stress show overwhelm and acting out, some are quiet, and some become immune and numb. Others may be showing symptoms without necessarily knowing what they are upset about. Watch for signs of sadness, aggression towards others, new fears that may seem unrelated to the war, or problems with making scary thoughts go away. Some will start acting younger than their age and not want to leave your lap.

5. Your kids can sense how you are feeling. The greatest gift you can give them is your sense of well-being, so handle your own stresses and emotions constructively. Share your fears with them, but do so with restraint.

6. Use this as an opportunity to teach life-long social and emotional skills. Programs are

available that offer kids lessons and songs to learn positive thinking, hopefulness, and prevent fearful or obsessive thoughts from overwhelming them.

7. Provide additional constructive outlets for children's feelings, such as drawing and writing stories and poems.

8. Allow some acting out of "war play" to vent frustrations, but don't let it become aggressive.

9. Find ways for your child to help others. Donate time, provide services, send letters and drawings, etc.

10. Keep normal routines and rules, and help them feel loved and safe by maintaining rituals of connection.

Don R. MacMannis, Ph.D. has been a psychologist specializing in the treatment of children and families, as well as a consultant to teachers and schools for the past thirty years.

Officials convene in Irvington to form anti gang taskforce

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sure these individuals are convicted of their crimes. We must work together and share our resources if we are going to be successful in eliminating these gangs," he stated. "The US Attorney's Office in Newark is successfully using the federal Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) to obtain high bails, win convictions and dismantle gang organizations. We have more success when we use RICO against gang members, especially against career criminals. When you notify these individuals of the length of their incarceration, many will become informers and provide you with evidence against the hierarchy of their gang. You have to alleviate the entire group from top to bottom and the RICO law allows prosecutors to achieve that goal."

Mayor Bowser wants the Homeland Security Act to include funding for local use in fighting gang violence. "In East Orange we have identified that there is a gang problem and we are looking for solutions," commented the Mayor. "We need help from the federal government in fighting these gangs. I think the Homeland Security Act must provide funding on the local level to help combat this war in America." East Orange High School recently held an anti-gang forum where Hip Hop rapper, Ja Rule address the students to stay in school and stay out of trouble.

Mayor DeLuca mentioned that his town was just beginning to experience some of the prob-

lems that have been prevalent in the surrounding towns. "In Maplewood, we are using preventive measures before the problem get worse. An informal group of clergy, parents, teachers and the police have been organized to find solutions before it is too late," stated the Mayor.

"We are here today to talk about gangs, how to deal with

We know that gangs are growing: we now have the highest number of gangs in recorded history: there are more than 23,000 gangs in America with over 65,000 gang members. ...Gangs are responsible for anywhere from 50% to 70% of most crimes in major cities including our cities right here in New Jersey."

gangs from a law enforcement perspective and how to fund a regionalized methodology," said Mr. John Bruno, CEO, The Bruno Group, a grants consulting and public relations firm located in Clifton whose firm sponsored the meeting. "During

the last decade the 'Urban 15' cities have been responsible for 41% of all crimes in this state. Three of the cities present here today are in the 'Urban 15' and two of them are on the border. We know that gangs are growing: we now have the highest number of gangs in recorded history: there are more than 23,000 gangs in America with over 65,000 gang members. We have our fair share right here in Essex County and New Jersey. Gangs are responsible for anywhere from 50% to 70% of most crimes in major cities including our cities right here in New Jersey."

Representatives attended the meeting from the NJ Attorney General's Office, FBI, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, State Police, County Police, Sheriff's Dept., and all five local police departments.

The law enforcement officials commented on the frustration of arresting drug dealers and seeing them released on lesser charges and or reduced bail. Another concern was the funding to do the mandates that come from state government. Lt. Thomas Alexander, head of the NJ State Police Street Gang Unit suggested that residents should contact their state legislators to get their support for funding for a regionalized effort.

The Bruno Group will be responsible for convening the next regionalized task force meeting and research funding sources for this initiative. "It is imperative that we form a rationalization task force in

Essex County. We know that in many states across America there has been success in the war against gangs when law enforcement agencies act in concert with each other. We will set up a task force, seek the necessary funding to support it, and we want it to deal with arrest, prosecution and prevention," added Bruno.

"As I said in my opening statement, I look forward to that day when we can say that we have won the war against crime," concluded Smith.

Don't hate the Player

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Nike. Jordan has flown with James, via private jet, to Oregon to go one-on-one with Nike CEO Phil Knight.

One in a million basketball players possess abilities the caliber of Jordan and James. Meanwhile, of a quarter of a million teens playing high school sports less than one percent will get scholarships to a Division One school. For those who want to make a James-like jump, this year the NBA has started the National Basketball Development League (NBDL) for teens not ready to play in the NBA but who want to pursue a professional career. The league has an age limit of 20 years old, so if a high school player enters the NBA draft and doesn't get picked, he's eligible to play for \$30,000 a season minimum in the NBDL.

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BIG BUDGET FILMS

Boat Trip



(R for profanity, drug use and heavy sexuality) Homo Love Boat. Gender-bent revenge comedy with Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Horatio Sanz as best friends whose travel agent gets even by deliberately sending these straight guys on an all-gay cruise with an array

of flamboyant queens. The bachelor buddies behave predictably homophobic till the Swedish bikini team turns up to save the day.

Dreamcatcher



(R for gory violence and expletives) Adaptation of another Stephen King best-seller, this one a supernatural horror tale about the ordeal of four childhood friends who reunite for a hunting trip to northern Maine.

Piglet's Big Move



save his endangered extended animal family.

(G) Disney does Piglet. Third in the Winnie the Pooh series, this about a timid little pig who must muster up the courage to



A View from the Top (PG-13 for epithets and sexual references) Waitress with a death wish. Way up from nothing comedy about a small-town girl with dreams of becoming a stewardess.

Well-connected cast includes Gwyneth Paltrow (daughter of Blythe Danner), Kelly Preston (wife of John Travolta), Rob Lowe (brother of Chad Lowe), Candace Bergen (wife of late director Louis Malle), Christina Applegate (daughter of actress Nancy Priddy), plus funnyman Mike Myers.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Down and Out with the Dolls (R for graphic sex, profanity, drug and alcohol use) Punk rock comedy chronicling the rise and fall of a mythical, all-girl, garage band trying to make in Portland.

Gaudi Afternoon (R for cursing and sexual situations) Gender-bending comedy, set in Barcelona, about an untrustworthy, ugly American woman who enlists the aid of a stranger in tracking down her missing husband. Adapted from the 1990 Barbara Wilson novel of the same name and stars Oscar-winner Marcia Gay Harden (for Pollock).

Japon (Unrated) Atmospheric, other worldly mood piece revolving an unnamed, depressed young man who moves from Mexico City to the mountains to commit suicide only to recover and find reason to live in the raw passions unleashed by the elderly widow who befriends him there. (In Spanish with subtitles)

E Briefs

Check this out !

—Kim Bowman



District actress dies



Production on CBS' *The District* shut down Thursday as producers, cast and crew mourned the unexpected death of costar Lynne Thigpen.

Thigpen, who played the tough-talking Ella Farmer on the D.C. crime drama, "died suddenly last night at her home in Los Angeles," CBS announced in a statement. She was 54. Thigpen had been in good health and the cause of death was not immediately known, according to the show publicist. Thigpen also appeared in such films as *Tootsie*, *Bob Roberts*, *The Insider*, *Bicentennial Man* and the 2000 remake of *Shaft*. One of her final film roles is as the judge who sentences Adam Sandler to live with Jack Nicholson in *Anger Management*, due out April 11.

Uncle Luke turns himself in



Luther Campbell turned himself in to authorities in Charleston, S.C. last Wednesday to face a felony obscenity charge. Campbell was charged for an October show that reportedly featured naked women at the End Zone nightclub. "I already showed them the tape," Campbell told AllHipHop.com.

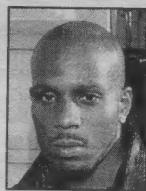
"They looked at it and told me I did not do sh*t. The prosecutor who put this sh*t on me is running for office that's why he is doing this."

Chris Rock Gets a Star!



The Hollywood Walk of Fame has honored comedian Chris Rock with his own star. "I think I'm as qualified to walk over as anybody else," Rock joked Wednesday before a crowd of about 300 people that included actor David Spade, his former *Saturday Night Live* colleague, according to reports by the Associated Press.

DMX flirting with retirement



Rapper-actor DMX is in California shooting a new movie, *Never Die Alone*, and he has again expressed his plan to retire as a recording artist following the summer release of his next studio album, *It's Not A Game*.

The rapper told MTV, "That's the truth. It's my last album. I'm going into the church. I wanna take some time off, you know, read my Bible and just get into the Word more."

DMX continued, "I got kids, and one of my children 'is at that stage where you have to be around. He's 8 months, and I don't wanna be a stranger to my children. That's more important to me than this." DMX has also signed several artists to his production company, *Bloodline Films*, including *Bazaar Royale*, *Big Stan*, and *Kashmir*, who will look to the superstar rapper for guidance as they embark on their recording careers.

Mary J. Blige and P. Diddy together again



Mary J. Blige is working with hip-hop music producer and mogul, P. Diddy on her sixth studio LP *Love and Live*, which will be released this summer.

Diddy, who executive-produced and helmed most of the beats for Mary's first two classic LPs, *What's the 411?* and *My Life*, is handling the same duties for her latest album. Dr. Dre has thrown in a couple of tracks as well.

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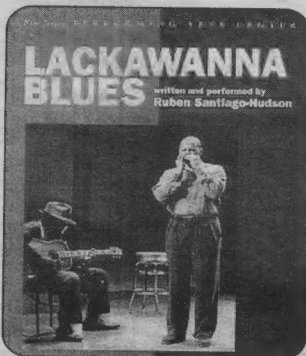
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And the Winner Is...Oscars 2003: Who Will Win, Who Should Win, and Who Was Overlooked

By Kam Williams

The Academy Awards show, in much the same way as the Superbowl, has become a TV-inspired international excuse for a party. Part industry trade show, part meat parade, this annual Hollywood tribute to itself is a cultural phenomenon watched by billions all around the planet. I suppose we're all suckers for out of breath actresses in daring outfits thanking everyone they've ever met.

Plus, nowadays, almost as many of us bet on the on the

outcome of the Oscars as on the Superbowl.

And if you want to be the one who takes home the cash in this year's office pool, I'm here to help. As a film critic, this is my once-a-year opportunity to do something practical with my otherwise useless storehouse of knowledge. This crop of Oscars isn't very hard to handicap, because of Chicago's already dominating the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild Awards. And there weren't any signs of an 11th-hour contro-

versy or marketing blitz to shift the momentum.

In predicting the winners, you must constantly remind yourself that there is no correlation between the quality of performance and winning. Factors such as what time of year a movie was released or whether a nominee has won before can be far more significant. That's the only way to explain John Wayne's long-overdue accolade for his below average work in *True Grit* (1969).

Best Actress often goes to a female in a title role, such as Julia Roberts for *Erin Brockovich*, Jessica Tandy for *Driving Miss Daisy*, Meryl Streep for *Sophie's Choice*, Sissy Spacek for *Coal Miner's Daughter*, Sally Field for *Norma Rae* and Diane Keaton for *Annie Hall*.

Best Actor often goes for portrayals of persons with an affliction, to wit, Daniel Day-Lewis (*My Left Foot*), Geoffrey Rush (*Shine*), Tom Hanks (*Forrest Gump* and *Philadelphia*) and Dustin Hoffman (*Rain Man*). The Best Picture, more often than not, is an elaborate costume drama, ala *Gladiator*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Titanic*, *The English Patient*, *Braveheart*, *Schindler's List* and *Dances with Wolves*.

The Anglophilic Academy is also inclined to favor British performers disproportionately, especially actresses, as evidenced by past winners Dame Judi Dench (*Shakespeare in Love*), Emma Thompson (*Howard's End*), Geraldine Page (*The Trip to Bountiful*), Brenda Fricker (*My Left Foot*), Dame Peggy Ashcroft (*A Passage to India*). So, having incorporated an assortment of voter tendencies into the analysis, I offer, without further ado, my can't miss list of just who will be taking home the coveted statuette come Oscar night.

Best Picture

Chicago wins easily, essentially by default. Personally, I was very disappointed by this underdeveloped adaptation of the Broadway musical, because it was more of stacy sketch than a fully fleshed-out film. *The Pianist*, which is the best of the bunch, gets bypassed, however, because of director Roman Polanski's statutory rape conviction.

The Lord of the Rings 2 was just too *deja vu*. *The Hours*, too morose, and *Gangs of New York*, too riddled with historical inaccuracies. Most overlooked was *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, the uplifting independently-produced come-



Best actress nominees

dy which charmed the masses and raked in over \$200 million, all by word of mouth.

Best Director

Though the winner of this category is ordinarily paired with Best Picture, Rob Marshall (*Chicago*) is only a slight favorite. He has to pray that a Chicago landslide helps him prevail over Martin Scorsese (*Gangs of New York*). Otherwise, the 60 year-old legendary director might benefit from the "body of work" bias operating in favor of someone of his stature who has never won before. Polanski (*The Pianist*) is the most deserving of the nominees, but can't even enter the country because of the outstanding warrant for his arrest. Pedro Almodovar (*Talk to Me*) can't expect to win when his movie wasn't nominated for Best Picture and Stephen Daldry's (*The Hours*) brooding mood piece makes him the longshot. Ignored by Oscar was Michael Moore (*Bowling for Columbine*) who was a unanimous winner at Cannes. But what do the French know?

Best Actress

This is a two-man race (pardon the expression) with Nicole Kidman, the best hope of slowing the Chicago juggernaut, winning by a nose (pardon the allusion) over Rene Zellweger (*Chicago*). Still, Diane Lane's (*Unfaithful*) misbehavin' housewife delivered the most memorable performance in this category. Julianne Moore (*Far From Heaven*) and Salma Hayek (*Frida*) are sitting pretty with slim and no chances, respectively. Dissed: Big, Fat Greek's Nia Vardalos and Jodie Foster (*Panic Room*).

Best Actor

Daniel Day-Lewis (*Gangs of New York*) is the prohibitive favorite, with 12-time nominee Jack Nicholson reduced to a sentimental, but distant, also-ran. Even less likely, though garnering my vote, is Adrien Brody (*The Pianist*). Lucky to be invited, Michael Caine (*The Quiet American*) and Nicholas Cage (*Adaptation*), needn't practice an acceptance speech.

Overlooked: Richard Gere, not for *Chicago*, but for *Unfaithful*, where, for the first time in his career, he plays the nerdy nebbish who loses the girl instead of the handsome hunk.

Best Supporting Actress

Catherine Zeta-Jones (*Chicago*) takes home the trophy over costar Queen Latifah (also *Chicago*) with the help of hubby Michael Douglas' Hollywood cronies. Meryl Streep (*Adaptation*) and Kathy Bates (*About Schmidt*) lose because they already have Oscars, and perennial also-ran Julianne Moore (*The Hours*) gets to lose twice this Oscar night. I say Streep deserves it, but for *The Hours*.

Best Supporting Actor

This is the most hotly contested category. Chris Cooper (*Adaptation*) has the inside track, though John C. Reilly may be able to ride that Chicago tidal wave all the way to the bank. Gracefully aging Paul Newman (*Road to Perdition*) gets the geezer and good guy vote while three-time loser Ed Harris (*The Hours*) looks for the sympathy vote. Only Christopher Walken (*Catch Me If You Can*) is a long-shot, since he's won before and his film was one of Spielberg's worst. Overlooked: Forrest Whitaker in *Panic Room*.

As for the minor categories, here's a rule of thumb: when in doubt, go with *Chicago*, except in the special effects areas where *Lord of the Rings* ought to prevail. Most prognostication pools only ask you to pick the six major awards, above. Just in case, they have a tie-breaker, here are a few more predictions:

Foreign Film

Nowhere in Africa

Adapted Screenplay

Chicago

Original Screenplay

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Animated Feature

Ice Age

Documentary Feature

Bowling for Columbine

Hooray for Hollywood!

Why I Love Black Women/ By Michael Eric Dyson/ Basic Civitas Books/ \$

By Kam Williams

A couple of years ago, Michael Eric Dyson wrote *Holler If You Hear Me*, a fan club-lite look at the Hip-Hop Generation. In general, and at the life of Tupac Shakur, in particular. In the process, Dyson all but ignored the fact that rap artists routinely refer to African-American women as b-words and hoers in their songs and display them accordingly in their music videos.

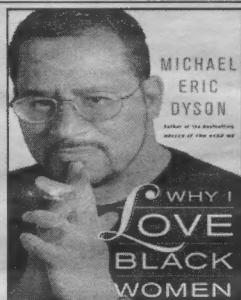
I suspect that he must have caught a lot of flak for failing to address rap's rampant misogyny, because his new book is a ceaseless celebration of the black female form.

Dyson, married and an ordained minister, is the Avalon Professor in the Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania. But none of the above gets in the way of his expressing his love for sisters in a manner, which is almost palpably primal. While he does devote some worthwhile space to his mother, to the grade teacher who first exposed him to black history and to other "women-tors" who really played a critical role in his personal development, the bulk of the book focuses on what seems to be his compulsive attraction to the rich and famous.

My problem with the text is that the author's "love" is repeatedly expressed to the point of distraction in the sensual, simmering, but not quite expressly sexual terms of a dime-store romance novel.

As a result, the book reads like the literary equivalent of the jive dude, flirting indiscriminately, who tries a different line on every woman he passes as he walks down the street.

It just looks very bizarre when you consider that this Ivy-League professor is getting



all worked up, not over strip-pers, but over academics, lawyers, congresswomen, celebrities and business executives. Always leading with looks and ostensibly in lust, Dyson barely contains himself, each detailed description outdoing the last. Some typical examples:

On meeting attorney Star Jones: "She has impeccable, walnut-colored skin, big beautiful almond-shaped eyes, framed by eyelashes that beat like butterfly wings against the wind, a brilliant and infectious smile, sweetly succulent lips, and a smoldering sensuality that floods her pores."

Again and again, Dyson moves so effortlessly from "a dream team of ebony pulchritude" to "flawless chocolate skin" to "skin-tight snakeskin slacks" to "a drop-dead gorgeous scoop of dark chocolate dessert" to "a torso as taut as a Marine's bed" to "a voluptuous, light brown beauty" to "a gorgeous mocha-colored face with incredibly shapely lips and baby-doll eyes carved in an almond mold", etc. Need I continue? He sounds like he might be moonlighting as a ghostwriter at Harlequin Books.

In sum, though Michael Eric Dyson's heart might have been in the right place when he sat down to write *Why I Love Black Women*, unfortunately, his lust got in the way of his effectively expressing that profoundly exquisite emotion in anything deeper than transparently superficial terms.

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The birth mother resides in Orlando, Orange County, Florida; is 26 years old; African American; 5' 7", 210 lbs; with brown eyes and black hair. The birth mother believes that conception occurred in Newark, NJ.

The alleged birth father's name is Ronald David Brown and he is 26 years old; African American; 6' 2", 235 lbs; with brown eyes and black hair. The whereabouts of the suspected birth father is unknown to the birth mother.

There is one minor child subject to this action who is a male child, born on December 16, 2002, in Orlando, Orange County, Florida. The minor child's legal name is Joshua Hargrove. He has also been known as Baby Boy Hargrove. The minor child has not been known by any other names, is not of American Indian heritage, and does not have a social security number. The minor child is not the subject of any other custody proceeding pending in this state or any other state. The minor child is not subject to existing child support order(s) in this or any state or territory. The minor child is residing with the prospective adoptive parents pursuant to a Report of Intended Placement, dated December 18, 2002, from the child's discharge from the hospital until the present. The names and address of the prospective adoptive parents is confidential and protected by Fla. Stat. 63.162.

The name, address and telephone number of the adoption entity seeking to place the minor for adoption is: A Chosen Child, Inc., 1516 E. Hillcrest St., Suite 200A, Orlando, FL 32803; telephone number (407) 864-1599 or 1-800-339-3621.

The name, address and telephone number of the division of the circuit court in which the petition is filed is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Domestic Relations Division, 425 N. Orange Ave., Rm. 320, Orlando, FL 32801; telephone number (407) 836-2054.

Notice to grandparents under Fla. Stat. 63.0425 is not required because the minor child subject to this proceeding is under the age of six months and has not resided with a grandparent for at least six months.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 5th day of March 2003.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSALS EMERGENCY GENERATOR SERVICE CONTRACT

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick will receive proposals for a Service Contract for the Emergency Standby Generator at Hoffman Pavilion (N.J. 22-4), 75 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, N.J. Proposed forms of documents including specifications are on file at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority and may be picked up between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All proposals must be received by the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 65 Morris Street Second Floor, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in taking proposals. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening of proposals except with the consent of the Housing Authority. All proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, and must be returned sealed and marked **SEALED PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE CONTRACT** on the envelope.

John A. H. Clarke
 Executive Director

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Advertisement for Bids

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
Garfield Court Administration Building
P.O. Box 337
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Sealed bids for Unarmed Guard Services at Chester Arthur and Kennedy Towers.

The Long Branch Housing Authority shall receive bids by April 8, 2003, at the Administration Offices of the Housing Authority until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids and be submitted either by mail or in person by bidder or his agent. No bids shall be accepted after the designated time.

All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and clearly marked "Unarmed Guard Services".

The information for bidder, form of bid and specification may be reviewed and obtained at the offices of the Long Branch Housing Authority at any time during the regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday starting March 17, 2003. After March 17, 2003 telephone the Long Branch Housing Authority at (732) 222-3747 ext. 138 with any questions.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certification by the bidder regarding equal opportunity employment practice.

The Authority does not obligate itself to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to waive any information in the bid or to accept or reject any or all bids if deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

Tyrone Garrett
 Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AUDIT SERVICES

The Asbury Park Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey (the "PHA"), is requesting proposals from qualified firms to conduct an audit of its financial books and records for the Asbury Park Housing Authority's fiscal year 2003. The audit will be conducted according to the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, OMB Circular A133 such other requirements as may be promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the State of New Jersey.

Proposals must be made on the proposal format available from the PHA. Interested parties can obtain a proposal format by calling Patricia Harris in the Executive Director's office at (732) 774-2660 x 913.

Proposals must be received by 10 a.m., April 4, 2003 in order to be considered.

Harold Phipps, M.B.A.
 Executive Director

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey at the Administrative offices of the Authority, located at No. 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, NJ is soliciting proposals for a financial audit for fiscal year ending September 2003.

The Authority presently administers the following:

Public Housing Management - 100
 Section 8 Certificate and Voucher - 134

Proposals must include submission of cost, detailing a fee structure for all services to be performed and a statement of qualification, which should include experience in auditing of HUD and FMHA programs.

All proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2003 at the Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, NJ 08873.

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME. All interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling 732-545-9430.

DEWAYNE K. CRUSE
 Executive Director

Fee Accountant: Tom Furlong, CPA, 470 Highway 79, Morganville, NJ 07751 Telephone: 732-591-2300 FAX: 732-591-6969

Effective March 11, 2003 the Boonton Housing Authority will close the bidding list. There will be no more scheduled appointments made after this date. All appointments already scheduled on the books will be honored through May 29, 2003. Anyone who fails to appear on the scheduled appointment date and time, will not be rescheduled.

Boonton Housing Authority
 Sherry L. Sims, Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
 PHYSICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
 Garfield Court Administrative Offices
 P.O. Box 337
 Long Branch, NJ 07740

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch (the Authority) is soliciting specific qualifications and technical proposals from interested Architects and Engineers that are capable of providing evaluation services to determine the level of physical needs for certain developments of the Authority including cost estimates for rehabilitation and/or replacement with regard to a HOPE VI Grant.

Further information about the Authority, the scope of required services, the proposal evaluation criteria and the form of contract can be obtained from the Authority at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices anytime between the regular business hours of 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday beginning Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Questions regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be directed to Robert M. Braun, AIA, the Authority's Modernization Coordinator at 732-222-3747, extension #129 or emailed to: rbraun@lbhousing.org.

Proposals are to be submitted to the Authority no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, April 11, 2003. Proposers shall submit an original and two (2) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope clearly labeled: **PROPOSAL - PHYSICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**, with the firm's name and full address. Proposals submitted late or without due regard for the instructions to Proposers shall not be considered.

Tyrone Garrett, PHM, Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Fire Alarm Upgrades at Various Sites for
 The Long Branch Housing Authority**

Sealed bids for the Fire Alarm Upgrades at Various Sites for the Long Branch Housing Authority, Garfield Court Administration Building, located in Long Branch, NJ.

The Long Branch Housing Authority shall receive sealed bids by Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at the Administrative Offices until 11:00 AM. At 11:00 AM, all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids, and be submitted by either mail or in person by the Bidder or his agent. **NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE DESIGNATED TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Bidder and clearly labeled "Fire Alarm Upgrades at Various Sites".

The Information to Bidders, Form of Bid, Plans and Specifications may be reviewed and/or obtained at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices of the Housing Authority at any time during the regular business hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday upon payment of a \$50.00 non-refundable fee per set in check or money order after 12:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Bidders who previously bought plans and submitted a bid for this project shall receive one (1) set at no additional cost. Telephone the Authority at 732-222-3747, extensions #126 or #129 with any questions.

All Bidders are required to submit a certified check payable to the order of the Long Branch Housing Authority in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and be acceptable to the Federal Government. The Bid Bond, Consent of Surety and the Performance and Payment bond must be listed in the Federal Treasury Department Circular 570.

In the event the Bidder is a Corporation or Partnership, a notarized statement must be submitted setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the Corporation or Partnership who own ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein as the case may be. Each bid must be accompanied by a certification by the Bidder regarding Equal Employment Practice, a Non-collusive Affidavit and a Statement of Compliance with bidding requirements. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for Performance and Payment bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The Authority does not obligate itself to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding process or to accept or reject any or all bids if deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

Tyrone Garrett, PHM, Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

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Calendar

Community

Global Volunteers is looking for volunteers for community project in Ghana, West Africa for three weeks during the summer. For more info call 1800-487-1074 or visit www.globalvolunteers.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Trenton — The Department of Education will meet for a public hearing session at the state board office. For more info call 609-292-1126.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Newark — St. James Social Services presents community law series on childhood lead poisoning and cancer remedies for adults over 40 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church, 588 MLK Blvd. For more info call 973-624-4007.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Plainfield — Plainfield Board of Education will host its public forum meeting 7:00 p.m. at Plainfield High School Library, 950 Park Ave. to discuss qualifications of the superintendent.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Plainfield — Plainfield Board of Education will host its public budget hearing at Plainfield High School Library at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Morristown — The Morristown chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a community career fair from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 10 MLK Ave. For more info call 201-602-0024.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Newark — St. James Social Services presents a forum about dangerous pharmaceutical drugs like fen-phen and a second forum on medical malpractice from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church, 588 MLK Blvd. For more info call 973-624-4007.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 — MAY 4

Newark — Universoul Circus is coming to Newark on its 10th Anniversary Tour. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

Belleville — Clara Maass Medical Center will offer complimentary blood pressure screenings every

fourth Monday of the month beginning January 27. For more info call 1-800-CLARA-MAASS.

Kearny — West Hudson Hospital offers women's alcoholic anonymous seminar at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-955-7556.

Irvington — Irvington General offers women's HIV/AIDS support group at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 973-275-0210.

Millburn — The Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center offers bereavement support group meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more info call 973-379-2200.

Newark — WIC Program at UMDNJ offers a variety of support services to participants. Appointments are strongly recommended. For more info call 973-972-3416.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free Breast Cancer Patient Support Group. For more info call 973-926-7609.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers a bereavement support group every second Monday each month at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-926-7278.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Bloomfield — The Blood Center of NJ will hold a community blood drive from 3:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Fire House, 375 Franklin St. For more info call 1800-BLOOD-NJ.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Belleville — Clara Maass will host a free program on back care for seniors from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Belleville Founders Room. For more info call 973-450-2213.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Newark — The Blood Center of NJ will hold a community blood drive from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Enforcement Volunteers Patrol, 292 South Avenue. For more info call 1800-BLOOD-NJ.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Paterson — Barnert Hospital will offer free HIV testing where results will be known in just 20 minutes. Testing is from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-977-6657.

WEDNESDAYS — APRIL 2

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer a weight management program at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-322-5664.



SATURDAY, APRIL 26 — New Jersey Performing Arts Center presents jazz vocalists Dianne Reeves with special guest The John Pizzarelli Trio celebrating the music of Sarah Vaughan at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-466-5722.

ONGOING — APRIL 31

from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-1200.

Newark — A computer based 12-week GED course covering subject areas: Writing, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics, with a curriculum which covers life skills, job readiness and computer instruction, will be offered from Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at La Casa de Don Pedro, 39 Broadway. For more info call 973-481-4713.

Business

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Newark — Community Based Economic Development Institute presents a seminar for grassroots leadership in urban communities. Business owners are encouraged to attend. The Upper Room Development Center, 170 Littleton Ave. from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 973-375-2905. RSVP by March 26.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Newark — NJIT Procurement Center will host a free workshop for small businesses on how to do business with the federal government from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at NJIT. For more info call 973-596-3105.

Artz

ONGOING

Newark — Maize Restaurant presents Sweet and Low Thursdays featuring vocalist Denise Hamilton

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Newark — Talent Agent Teresa Wolf of Schiowitz/Clay/Rose, Inc. will speak at Newark School of The Arts at 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-642-0133.

Newark — The Newark Public Library presents poets Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Tracy Luzzo, Ruth Sanabria, Ann Waldman, and Dorothea Moore at 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-733-3610.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Newark — African Globe Theater premieres the play, "Having Our Say", a memoir of two sisters and their rise to success. Play is all month long. For more info call 973-642-1584.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

New York — Hip-Hop soul artist Common will perform at the Roseland Ballroom at 6:45 p.m. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

New York — B.B. King Blues Club presents Unity Jam, a salute to Hip-Hop music with performances by Kurtis Blow, Rob Base and other Hip-Hop pioneers at 8:00 p.m. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

New Brunswick — The State Theatre presents Blues legend B.B. King at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 732-246-7469.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

New York — African songstress Angelique Kidjo will perform at B.B. King at 8:00 p.m. Kidjo's music reflects jazz, salsa, rumba, souk and makossa. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Religion

ONGOING

Newark — Greater Service Fellowship Church invites you to Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, come get the answers. For more info call 973-848-1711.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Newark — The Newark Library presents Women's History Month Breakfast celebrating great women with music and lectures at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 973-733-3610.

ONGOING — MARCH 23

Newark — Newark Museum presents the Newark Teen Arts Festival filled with concerts and events highlighting the visual and performing arts talents of students from the city's public secondary schools. For more info call 973-596-6550.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Newark — Rutgers University will host a concert featuring contemporary traditional music including jazz, pop, etc. at 12:30 p.m. at the Center for Law and Justice. For more info call 973-353-5262.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 & 29

New York — B.B. King Blues Club presents Roberta Flack at 8:00 p.m. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Mail your calendar events and photographs at least two weeks in advance to:

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NJ Kids to be cut off after-school programs under new Bush Budget

More than 14,000 New Jersey Kids to Be Cut Off After-School Programs Under New Bush Budget State would lose roughly \$9,877,422 under President's 2004 budget

According to a new study, New Jersey would be forced to cut off 14,110 New Jersey children from existing after-school programs under the newly-released 2004 Bush Budget. Specifically, the nationwide study done by the non-profit Afterschool Alliance, found that in 2003 New Jersey received \$24,170,555 to provide after-school services to 34,529 children under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. Bush proposes to reduce that funding by \$9,877,422. Nationally, Bush proposes to slash \$400 million out of the program. House Republicans passed Bush's proposed cut over Democratic objections.

Currently, federal law says New Jersey can receive \$42,690,721 in federal funds for after school programs to serve 60,987 children. However, the Bush budget for New Jersey falls \$28,397,588 short of that full funding goal.

Gov. McGreevey signs Racial Profiling

Governor also signs bill requiring all State Police jobs to be posted

(TRENTON)- Governor James E. McGreevey today signed Bill S-429, which bans racial profiling. McGreevey was joined by Acting Attorney General Peter C. Harvey, Senator Wayne Bryant, Assemblyman William D. Payne, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and the Reverend Reginald Jackson of the Black Ministers Coalition.

profiling a criminal act."

Under the bill, if a public official knowingly commits an unlawful act with the purpose to intimidate or discriminate against another because of race, color, gender, ethnicity, handicap, religion, or sexual orientation and the act results in the violation of the personal or property rights of another, it will be deemed a criminal action.

"We are committed to eradicating racial profiling in New Jersey," said Harvey. "The Division of State Police has made tremendous strides in meeting the mandates of the Consent Decree, as affirmed by the independent monitors, and we are developing a comprehensive training program for use by local police departments that will target discriminatory policing. This new law is another safeguard to ensure that citizens will not face discriminatory law enforcement in New Jersey. We are committed to the principle of equal justice under law."

Gov. McGreevey also

signed into law a bill requiring the Superintendent of the State Police to prepare and regularly update a catalogue listing all enlisted officer and officer employment titles and positions in the State Police. It also requires that job descriptions be required for each title and position.

The bill also requires that no appointment can be made to a special title or position until a notice announcing the title or position has been posted. The notice must be posted conspicuously at division headquarters, each troop headquarters and all the other division facilities. Adequate time must also be given to permit interested and qualified officers and troopers to apply.

"This bill ensures that everyone in the State Police has the same opportunity to apply for jobs within the ranks," said McGreevey. "The two bills that I have signed today are part of the ongoing process of ensuring that New Jersey has the highest standards of law enforcement in the nation."

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LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick at its offices located on the second floor of 65 Morris Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Wednesday April 9, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. prevailing time. All bids shall be delivered by hand, and in triplicate. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Sealed Bids for: Elevator Maintenance, Repairs, Service, and Preventative Maintenance Contract for Hoffman Pavilion (N.J. 22-4) 2 cars.

Bids must be accompanied by a guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid in the form of a certified check, cashiers check, or bid bond.

Bids must be accompanied by Consent of Surety regardless of whether a check or Bid Bond is submitted. All Bonds and Consents of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Morris Street office of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said offices upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick for each packet. Payment for Documents is nonrefundable. Documents will not be mailed.

Bidders shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience in successful completion of similar work as this project requires.

Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c.127 which pertains to "Non Discrimination" and "Affirmative Actions", and Public Law 1977, c.33 which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

John Clarke
Executive Director, N.B.H.A.

\$44.10

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is seeking proposals from attorneys or law firms to serve as the Authority's General Legal Counsel for the Asbury Park Housing Authority's fiscal year 2003. Attorneys submitting proposals to the RFP must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal in response to the RFP, should contact Patricia Harris in the Executive Director's office at (732) 774-2660 x13, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will more fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be received by 10:00 a.m., April 4, 2003, in order to be considered.

Harold Phipps, M.B.A.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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CITY OF LONG BRANCH

THE LONG BRANCH HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids shall be accepted by the Long Branch Housing Authority, Garfield Court Administration Building, located in Long Branch, NJ for the following vehicles:

- 1995 GMC Vandura 3500 Van
LBHA Vehicle ID No. 3337
VIN No. - 1GTHG35K2SF538791
Mileage - 26,238 as of November 19, 2002
Color - Blue
Body Style - Cargo Van
Vehicle Appraisal Price as of November 19, 2002 - \$2,750.00
- 1995 GMC Vandura 3500 Van
LBHA Vehicle ID No. 1137
VIN No. - 1GTHG35K2SF544188
Mileage - 34,260 as of November 19, 2002
Color - Blue
Body Style - Cargo Van
Vehicle Appraisal Price as of November 19, 2002 - \$2,500.00

Bidders may submit bids for one or both vehicles. Bids are to be submitted on or before Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at 11:00 A.M. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with Bidder's full name (or company name), address, telephone number, the vehicle's LBHA ID number and be addressed to the attention of Mr. Tyrone Garrett, Executive Director, Long Branch Housing Authority. Bids must be submitted with a security deposit in the form of a certified check made out to the Long Branch Housing Authority in an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the bid.

Vehicles can be inspected Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Central Maintenance Office located at Garfield Court, Rockwell Avenue, Long Branch, NJ, 07740. Vehicles are being sold in as-is condition without written or implied warranty. The successful, highest Bidder will be notified by the Authority within one (1) day. Once notified, the Bidder shall have three (3) business days to pay the balance of the purchase price by certified check and remove the vehicles from Authority property. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in rejection of the bid and forfeiture of the security deposit.

Tyrone Garrett, PHM, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

\$39.37

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is seeking proposals for Fee Accounting for its Low Income Housing Program, Existing Housing Certificates Program, Moderate Rehabilitation Program, Voucher Program, Modernization Program, and Public Housing Drug Elimination Program for the Asbury Park Housing Authority's fiscal year 2003.

Parties interested in submitting proposals in response to the RFP should contact Patricia Harris in the Executive Director's office at (732) 774-2660 x13, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will more fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be received on or before 10:00 a.m., April 4, 2003 in order to be considered.

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